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AVAILABLE ALL DAY FRIDAY MAY 10 FOR APPOINTMENTS. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR THEM TO MEET THAT DAY WITH YALL RICHMOND OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY. IN ADDITION, MARTINEZ YARRES SAYS THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH PARAGUAYAN COUNTRY OFFICER KIRBY IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE EMBASSY HAS GIVEN THE VISITORS HER TELEPHONE NUMBER AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY CALL HER UPON ARRIVAL TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT.

5. (CLOU) ACCORDING TO MARTINEZ YARRES THE VISITORS ALSO WANT TO MEET WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND THE MENDELE ISSUE, AND WITH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. ON THE LATTER POINT, THE EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT THEY SEEK ANY APPOINTMENTS WITH CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES THROUGH THEIR CONFERENCE POINTS.

6. (C) AS FOR THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, WE MUST POINT OUT THAT THESE VISITORS WILL HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO WAS (CLOU)'S KNOWLEDGE OF EITHER SUBJECT, AND WILL PROBABLY BE FISHING FOR INFORMATION WHICH THEY COULD USE TO EMBARRASS THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT. ON BALACCL, HE RECOMMENDED, WITHOUT MUCH ENTHUSIASM, THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE TO ARRANGE A MEETING FOR THE VISITORS WITH ONE OR MORE PERSONS IN JUSTICE WHO COULD ADDRESS THE NARCOTICS AND MENDELE ISSUES IN GENERAL TERMS.

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